

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

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7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A peeling member arranged in contact with or adjacent to a roller attached to an electrophotographic apparatus, said peeling member comprising: a metal support member, and a peeling sheet adhered to said metal support member with YAG laser spot welding,

~~wherein said peeling sheet comprisinges a metal plate and a polytetrafluoroethylene sheet shaped film adhered thereto with a silicone based adhesive to a portion of the metal plate where the metal plate contacts or is adjacent to the roller, said metal plate being adhered to the metal support member with YAG laser spot welding.~~

9. (canceled)

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11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene film has a thickness of 10 μ m to 200 μ m.

14. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein a surface of the polytetrafluoroethylene film for adhering to the metal plate is surface-treated.

15. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 14, wherein the surface of the polytetrafluoroethylene film is etched by immersing the film in an ammonia solution of metal sodium.

16. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein the silicone based adhesive comprises dimethylpolysiloxane crude rubber.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene film is sheet shaped film to be adhered to the metal plate.

22. (new) A peeling member arranged in contact with or adjacent to a roller attached to an electrophotographic apparatus, said peeling member consisting essentially of a metal support member, and a peeling sheet adhered to said metal support member with YAG

laser spot welding, said peeling sheet consisting essentially of a metal plate to which is adhered a sheet of polytetrafluoroethylene with a silicone based adhesive, said sheet of polytetrafluoroethylene film being adhered to a portion of said metal plate which contacts or is adjacent to said roller attached to said electrophotographic apparatus.